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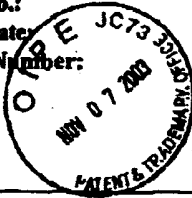
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INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-  
STEPED ABSORPTION CURVE



**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Sir,**

## REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a three (3) month extension of time up to and including 6 November 2003 for filing a Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-referenced case. Please charge the required fee of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0943. In addition, please also charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this matter to our deposit account.

**If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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